

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Private First Class Charles Wesley Swisher on receiving his World War II medals.

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Private First Class Charles Wesley Swisher on receiving his World War II medals.

*Whereas, Private First Class Charles Wesley Swisher was born on a farm in Medaryville, Indiana, on July 16, 1916. He spent his childhood on the farm, and graduated from Medaryville High School in 1934;*

*Whereas, Charles joined the Army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was involved in at least seven campaigns in Europe, including: France; Germany; Italy, where he was wounded; and Belgium, where he served in the Battle of the Bulge. Charles also served in Africa during the war;*

*Whereas, After the war, Charles relocated to Crown Point, Indiana. He went on to marry Mable Wise in 1952;*

*Whereas, Charles did not receive his World War II medals for 66 years, in part because there was a fire in the Army statehouses in St. Louis, Missouri, that destroyed records prior to 1958;*

*Whereas, On February 15, 2010, Charles finally received*

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*his World War II medals at a ceremony at Wittenberg Village. The medals were presented by U.S. Representative Peter J. Visclosky;*

*Whereas, Colonel Dave Shaver, a retired U.S. Army veteran was the Master of Ceremonies for the celebration of Charles' service to his country. Visclosky and Shaver worked together to obtain the medals;*

*Whereas, Charles was presented with the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with a Silver Star attachment, and the World War II Victory Medal. He also has a Gold Pin for his honorable discharge at the end of WWII and a shooting marksmanship medal. The French Government even awarded Charles with the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star;*

*Whereas, Charles has been the "Poet Laureate" of Crown Point for several years. His poems have been published in the Lake County Star and also in the Post-Tribune newspapers. He has also penned several books;*

*Whereas, Charles is a member of the First Christian Church, the Lake County Indiana Historical Society, the Old Homestead Preservation Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge; and*

*Whereas, The State of Indiana congratulates Private First Class Charles Wesley Swisher on receiving his World War II medals and is forever grateful for his service to our country: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1       SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate congratulates Private First Class  
2 Charles Wesley Swisher on receiving his World War II medals.

3       SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Private First Class Charles Wesley  
5 Swisher.

